

Fast Facts

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Democrats' Long Record of Anti-Energy Votes

Democrats have consistently voted against increasing domestic energy:

- On May 19th every Senate Democrat voted against a common sense plan to increase offshore energy production despite near-record high gas prices.
- Over the past 10 years, a majority of Senate Democrats have voted against increasing domestic energy production at least <u>16 times</u>.

America has abundant energy resources that a majority of Americans want to develop:

- The United States has <u>163 billion barrels</u> of recoverable oil enough to offset imports from the Persian Gulf for 50 years.
- "A CNN/Opinion Research Corporation survey... indicates that 69 percent of Americans favor increased offshore drilling." CNN, 4/19/2011

Families, farmers, and small businesses could be experiencing less pain at the pump:

- If Democrats had not blocked energy production over the past decade, the U.S. would now be producing at least an additional one million barrels of oil per day.
- A <u>Heritage Foundation analysis</u> found that an additional one million barrels per day would have:
 - o increased current domestic oil production levels by 20 percent;
 - o created 128,000 jobs;
 - o generated \$7.7 billion in economic activity.
- A recent <u>Wood Mackenzie study</u> calculated that if Congress acts today to increase future energy production, the United States could:
 - o increase domestic production by four million barrels per day;
 - o raise \$194 billion in federal revenue;
 - o create 530,000 jobs by 2025.

As high gasoline prices continue to impact family budgets, burden small businesses, and threaten the economic recovery, when will Democrats stop blocking access to more domestic energy production?

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